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PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FIRST CONGRESS
OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES,

Passed at the fourth session, which was begun and
held at the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia,
on Monday, the eighth day of December, A. D., 1863, and ended on Thursday, the eighth
day of February, 1864.

CHAP. LI.—An Act to amend the sixty-fifth
article of war.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the sixty-fifth article of war
be so amended as to read as follows: “Article

sixty-five. Any general officer commanding an
army or commanding a force of cavalry not
with and under the immediate command of the
commander of an army, or other officer com-

manding a separate department, may appoint
general courts martial whenever necessary.

But no sentence of a court martial shall be
carried into execution until after the whole pro-

ceedings shall have been laid before the officer
offering the same, or the officer commanding the
troops for the time being; neither shall any
sentence of a general court martial in time of
peace, extending to the loss of life, or the dis-

mission of a commissioned officer, or which shall
either in time of peace or war, respect a general
officer, be carried into execution until after the
whole proceedings shall have been transmitted

to the Secretary of War, to be laid before the
President of the Confederate States for his con-

firmation or disapproval and orders in the case.

All other sentences may be confirmed and ex-
ecuted by the officer ordering the court to
assemble, or the commanding officer for the time
being, as the case may be.

Approved February 17, 1864.

CHAP. LII.—An Act to authorize the impress-
ment of men for the use of the army under
certain circumstances.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That whenever the President
shall declare that the public exigencies render
it necessary, impressments of men, for the use
of the army, may be made from any supplies
that may exist in the country, under the ex-
press condition that just compensation shall be
afforded to the owner of the men taken or im-
pressed, and subject to the following restrictions
and limitations:

Sec. 2. The power to direct such impress-
ment shall be conferred upon the Secretary of War; but he shall not reduce the supplies of
any person below one-half of the quantity
usually allowed for the support of himself, his
family, and dependents for the year. He shall
exercise the said power by orders directed to
the officers or agents he may employ, who shall
have explicit instructions as to the mode of its
execution, and injunctions that the same shall
not be abused.

Sec. 3. That these orders shall direct that a
note shall be given to the owner of the meat
noticed, his bailee or other agent, declaring the
quantity required, the price offered, the exist-
ence of a necessity, and whether possession is to be
taken of the same immediately, and with
what the risk of the safe-keeping is; and pending
the negotiations, and until what manner the
compensation shall be settled, in case the offer
is not accepted—service of which notice shall be
a condition precedent to any impression or
service by the impressing officer.

Sec. 4. That upon the service of this notice
upon the owner of any meat liable to impress-
ment, the owner shall hold the same subject to
the claim of the Confederate States, and shall
be entitled to just compensation, according to
the provisions of this act; and if the necessity
is declared by the impressing officer to be
urgent, he shall deliver the possession to the
impressing officer upon his demand, who shall
give a receipt therefor, as provided in the sixth
section of this act.

Sec. 5. That for the ascertainment of the
quantity of meat liable to impressment under
this act, and also of just compensation for the
same, where the owner and impressing officer
cannot agree, the impressing officer shall ap-
point one loyal and disinterested citizen of the
county, district or parish, in which the meat
impressed shall be at the time of impressment,
and the owner of the meat so impressed, his
agent, or other bailee shall appoint another,
who shall, upon oath, ascertain the quantity
liable to impressment, and the value of the same
at the date of the notice served upon the party,
which oath may be administered by the im-
pressing officer, and which ascertainment of the
quantity and value shall be conclusive evidence
thereof; and if the assessors cannot agree, they
may associate with them a third person, of like
qualifications, to make said assessment.

Sec. 6. That whenever an impressment shall
be made under this act, it shall be the duty of
the impressing officer to give an official certi-
ficate, showing the quantity taken, the company,
battalion, regiment or other command to
which use it is required, the compensation to
be paid, the circumstances of necessity that ex-
isted, which certificate shall be evidence of a
claim against the Confederate States, and shall
be promptly paid by the disbursing officer of the
command for which the meat was taken, or by
the chief of the bureau having charge of dis-
bursements for similar objects.

Approved February 17, 1864.

CHAP. LIV.—A bill to repeal an act to organize
bands of partisan rangers, approved April
twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two,
and for other purposes.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the act of Congress
aforesaid be, and the same is hereby, repealed:—
Provided, That organizations of partisan rangers
acting as regular cavalry at the passage of this
act, shall be continued in their present organization:—Provided, They shall hereafter be con-
sidered as regular cavalry and not as partisan
rangers.

Sec. 2. That all the bands of partisan rangers
organized under the said act, may, as the
interests of the service allow, be united with other
organizations, or be organized into battalions
and regiments, with the view of bringing them
under the general conditions of the provisional
army as to discipline, control and movements
under such regulations as the Secretary of War
may prescribe.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of War shall be au-
thorized, if he deems proper, for a time, or per-
manently, to except from the operation of this
act such companies as are serving within the
lines of the enemy, and under such conditions
as he may prescribe.

Approved February 17, 1864.

CHAP. LV.—An Act to authorize the organiza-
tion of auxiliary bureaus of the War Depart-
ment, west of the Mississippi river.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That under the direction of
the President, such bureaus or agencies of the
War Department may be organized west of the
Mississippi river as the public service may
require, which shall be auxiliary to the similar
bureaus of said Department established by law,

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The President's Household—The late Terrible Bereavement.

The late sad accident and terrible bereavement suffered by the President and his family called forth the deepest sympathies of the public. From a private letter of a Confederate officer, though not intended for publication, the Selma *Dispatch* copies the following description of the scene of the accident, and the President's household when struck with the sudden affliction:

FLORENCE, S. C., May 3.

I left Richmond on Sunday morning, 1st of May. On the evening before I found myself at the President's house upstairs, by a sad and singular accident. Having finished all my business with the department, I strolled with Judge H. of Mississippi, to look at the city, and passing the President's Mansion, we paused to look at the scenery beyond, when a little girl ran out of the house crying, from the next door, and pulled the bell violently; in a minute she was followed by another, and then by a little boy, the picture of the most utter desolation and despair, and we learned that the President's little son, was badly hurt, and no white person except these three little children at home.

We at once ran in and found the little fellow (about five years old) in the arms of a negro man, insensible and almost dead.— Dispatching a servant for a doctor, we began to rub him with camphor and brandy, and put mustard on his feet and wrists, and in a short time he began to breathe better, and opened his eyes, and we all thought he was reviving, but it was the last bright gleaming of the wick in the socket before the light is extinguished forever.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis came in while we held the little fellow rubbing him. She relieved herself in a flood of tears and lamentations; he knelt by his side and clasped the dying boy's hands in his own thin attenuated fingers. As he thus held his hands and watched the boy die, such a look of petrified, unutterable anguish I never saw. His pale, thin, intellectual face, already oppressed with a thousand national troubles, that now so imminent threatened our existence, seemed suddenly ready to burst with unspeakable grief, and thus trans-fixed into a stony rigidity.

The little boy had fallen from a gallery about fifteen feet, on a brick pavement, and lay there sometime before he was discovered. His head was contused, and I think his chest much injured internally. The little boy who died was named Joe. He had beautiful black eyes and hair, and was a very handsome boy. The other little fellow, so stricken with grief, named Jeff, was some six or seven years old, an intelligent, independent little fellow, with the tenderest heart under a rough exterior.

When I recall the picture of our poor President, grief stricken, speechless, tearless and crushed, I can scarcely refrain from tears myself, even now. No man could have witnessed that scene, and ever find it in his heart again to abuse that great and pure man, who, in the exercise of great powers confided to him by a generous people, has shown more chivalry and moderation than Washington.

The President's little boys were dressed in grey jeans and barefeet, and Jeff the sturdy little fellow, had on a broad brim hat of oat straw. The President himself was dressed in a plain suit of gray.

Then and now.—A little over one year ago, W. H. Holden was a candidate before the present members of the Legislature, for the office of Printer. He was opposed by a gentleman who had the management of the printing office at the Daufuskie and Dumb Asylum.

Doubtless the sympathy felt among the members for this unfortunate class of our citizens, militated very much against Mr. Holden.—But still, notwithstanding this, when the time came to elect, Mr. Holden received 77 votes, and his competitor 53. Now of these 77 voters, 70 have changed, and “seven” only stand firm. They have changed, not in their politics, but from Mr. Holden. Now Mr. Holden says they are “Deserters.” Then he said they were “Cowards.”

It is evident that in the spring of last year, these “seventy seven,” and Mr. Holden, stood together. Holden is for separate State action. He has made preparations to “two or three” members of the present Legislature to introduce resolutions, calling a Convention, for the purpose of seceding from the Confederate States. These men never favored any such project. Hence seventy of them have turned their backs upon him.

A change has taken place. *Somebody* has changed. Then, this large body of the intelligence of the State, were for W. H. Holden. Now they stand opposed. Then, they voted for him. Now, they will vote against him.

Then, he was for a Confederacy in the South. Now, he is opposed to it. Then, he was for N. C. Carolina standing with her sister States. Now, he is for N. C. Carolina assuming her original sovereignty, and, breaking the storm single-handed and alone. Then, he was for W. H. Holden, and now, he is for the same.—*Hendersonville Times.*

A YANKEE COLONEL DEFUNCT.—In one of the charges made by the enemy yesterday, on the City Point road, defended by Ferrebee's cavalry and Graham's battery, they were handsomely repulsed, leaving a yankee colonel among the killed. We could not hear his name, but understand that the spoils found on his person, well repaid the trouble of their removal. Among other valuables obtained, was a handsome gold ring taken from one of his fingers. No effort was made by the enemy to obtain the body.—*Pet. Express.*

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